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"For as the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than your ways..." Isaiah 55:9

Message from Board Vice Chairperson

2019 proved to be a year where ATC was blessed to experience growth, support and continued to enrich children's lives!

A lookback on 2019 highlights:

- *Held our 2nd annual fundraiser; we saw attendance increase 22%*
- *Connected with 389 children through our various programs*
- *Saw continued support from our close donors while being blessed with new connections*

ATC has selflessly created programs that give children the opportunity to be guided through faith-based arts education. Linda & Barb had a vision that they have executed on empathetically, open-heartedly and with faith they are heeding to God's wishes.

The children that have entered ATC have an opportunity to experience laughter, friendship and scripture. These students are the future generations of Greater Milwaukee and ATC is leaving a footprint in their lives to be carried to adulthood. We have done much through the last year however still have many children on our waiting lists hoping for their chance! I have been a witness to the incredible union-ship ATC has created amongst neighborhoods, parents, instructors and children alike. It is that union-ship and faithful guidance that draws me to be part of this wonderful organization.

It is with our deepest gratitude that we thank all our supporters as these stories are not possible without you helping to write them! As we progress into 2020, we pray for additional support; support that allows us to have greater exposure and that allows more youth to have the opportunity to thrive in our programs.



*Our commitment never waivers and we continue to build an environment that allows children and instructors to be passionate about arts education in a safe space. Thank you for all that you have done. **Michelle Perez, Board Vice Chair***

2019 at a glance!

2019 was a phenomenal year for Above The Clouds as we provided classes to families from over 22 different zip codes. We achieved this by focusing on our arts education programming from diverse artists, which brought in new families. We would not have been able to accomplish this amazing result without the contributions and dedication of all our staff, volunteers and Board of Directors.

Listed below are some highlights of 2019:

Accomplishments in 2019

- We provided programming for over 389 children in 2019. These families came from over 28 zip codes throughout Milwaukee and its surrounding suburbs.
- Above The Clouds became an official resident partner of the **Milwaukee Ballet**. We are honored and excited to have our children dive deeper in their dance language.
- We had 115 families/students attend the Milwaukee Ballet Nutcracker.
- Over 810 including 200 students attended our spring recital held at Destiny Youth Plaza.
- One of our donors sponsored a booth for ATC at the State Fair. Parents, board and students helped man the booth along with our level 5-8 ballet students had the opportunity to dance in the exhibition all. Mr. LeRoy Butler (Former Green Bay Packers) helped maned our booth and shared about our arts education program.



Our Success

Winter/Spring 2019 Session 24 zip Code Served

182 children making up:

100-African American
4-Asian
38-Caucasian
20-Hispanic
20-Multi-Racial

Summer 2019 Session 13 Zip Code Served

52 children making up:

23-African American
1-Asian
21-Caucasian
1-Hispanic
16-Multi-Racial



Fall 2019 Session

28 Zip Code Served

155 children making up:

77-African American
4-Asian
45-Caucasian
11-Hispanic
18-Multi-Racial

Parent Statement

We like Above The Cloud because it provides Free classes and safe environment. **Vang Family**



I appreciate ATC. I love that they are intentional about the teachers who are asked to partner with ATC to make it such a success.



The staff is warm, personable, and cares about the families. They also take time to get to know parents and guardian. The teachers are very warm and caring. I know that they enjoy working with the children because they smile at them; look them in the eye while talking to them; and teach the children with a tender loving spirit. I hope that the future programming of ATC will expand more throughout Milwaukee City.

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I simply can't say enough about this organization and the selfless people who have undertaken such an incredible pursuit. ATC has had a significant impact on this community and its families. They provide a place of hope, love, diversity, safety, and beauty for our children to experience. That is a priceless gift! ATC has been an enormous blessing to our family. **Amber O.**



What Make Us Different?

We offer arts/movement classes to children with a positive message, “**It’s good to expand your mind and express yourselves by being creative**” and in a safe and inspirational setting. Children who participate in programs offered by Above The Clouds are inspired to appreciate the arts, participate in the arts professionally and to grow spiritually.

Life-Changing Experience. Children who participate in programs offered by Above The Clouds are inspired to appreciate the arts, participate in the arts professionally or personally and grow spiritually.

Life-Long Connection to the Arts. Above The Clouds inspires a life-long love for the arts through its classes, internships, scholarships, and long-term commitment to keeping children connected to the arts.

No Child Turned Away. Above The Clouds offers its life-changing arts program to every child who comes to its doors with an interest in the arts and desire to grow spiritually.

Partnerships. Above The Clouds seeks out children who would not normally be exposed to the arts by collaborating with others and enhancing their programs with a focus on the arts.

State-Wide and National Reputation. Above The Clouds is recognized for its unique approach, high quality, professional, and respected teachers and its commitment to seek out children who normally would not be exposed to the arts.



Class Descriptions

All classes listed are not offered each session. All classes are free!

Beginning Ballet: Learn basic modern ballet technique, which will give you the fundamental skills that will help you learn any type of dance. (For new students or no experience. MUST be 5 BEFORE Feb. 1st!)

Ballet Levels 1-9: Students will have taken ballet with Above The Clouds before and have been placed in a class per the teacher.

Drama: Students learn voice projection, use of body as well as develop & build confidence in their presentational skills

Beginner Hip Hop: Hip hop is much more than a way of moving to hip hop music...it is a way of life. Students will learn that Hip hop is a lifestyle that includes its own language, music, and style of dance.

Advanced Hip Hop: Hip hop with more advanced moves and skills from the above. Your student must have taken beginner hip hop and be placed into this class.

Martial Arts: This is a continuing program where students learn respect, discipline, safety, integrity, and self-confidence with Christ at the center. There are opportunities for promotion to different levels.

Modern Dance: In this class you will use your classical ballet technique, strength, and discipline to perform modern styled interpretive choreography. This is a class for students who are currently in Ballet Level 4+.

Music (vocals): Students will learn how to properly sing and understand the movement of music, how to breathe, vocal exercises and foods to avoid before singing.

Our Supporters

Foundations

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Terri Jordan
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Thomas Sanfelippo
Thomass Bray
Thomas Raczynski
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Partnerships

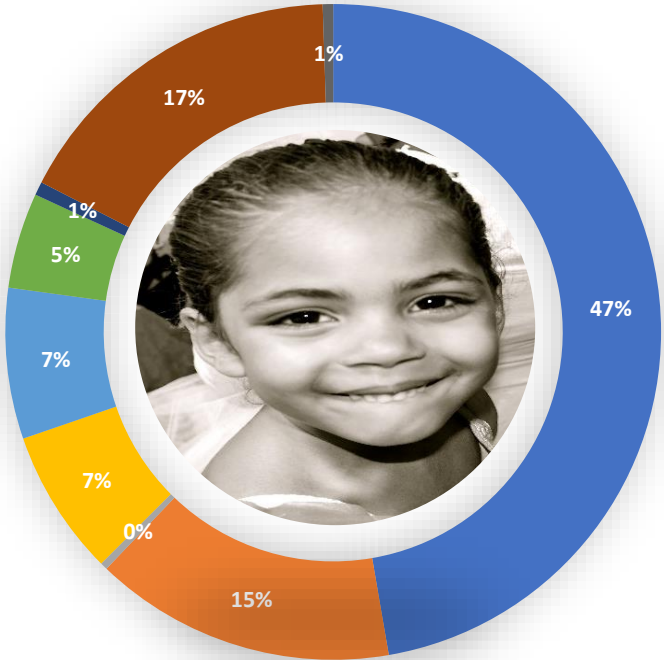
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Silver Spring Neighborhood Center

Volunteers

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Financial Report



- Grants
- Corporations
- Bequest
- Service Income
- Other
- Special Grants
- Individuals
- Fund Raising
- In-Kind

2019 REVENUE
\$274,037

Our Team

Administrative Staff



Laura Brunner
Office Administrator



Salina Gregory
Administrator Assistant

Instructors



Paula Adamson
Martial Arts



Shalome Cox
Hip Hop



Rachel Douglas
Ballet



Tameica Greene
Modern Dance/Ballet



Lindsey Kelly
Ballet



Julia Lagina
Ballet



Martha Leuthner
Ballet



Malcolm Nieves
Hip Hop



Sarah Pefnning
Drama



Caitln Sanfelippo
Ballet



Lori Schaufler
Drama



Ryan Schaufler
Drama

Art is a language that all people speak and it transcends across racial, cultural, social, educational and economic barriers.

- Our instructors, in addition to being professionally trained in the fields they teach, characterize a wide range of ethnic, gender and faith backgrounds.
- Our programs are expressly designed to appeal to youth ages 5-17. No matter where our children are starting from, our programs enhance cultural appreciation and awareness of the arts.
- Our programs integrate teachings that focus on character development as well as developing their faith.

Our Board of Directors & Advisors

